

Moran Attends Fort Leavenworth Press Conference

Reiterates Reasons Terrorist Detainees Do Not Belong in Kansas

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran gave the following statement today following a press conference he attended at Fort Leavenworth to speak against the transfer of terrorist detainees from Guantanamo Bay detention facility to the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth. The press conference was held following media reports yesterday stating the Obama Administration is considering Kansas or Michigan for the new site to house Guantanamo Bay terrorist detainees.

"Today, I stated once more that Kansas is the wrong place to house Guantanamo's detainees. The Obama Administration's consideration of Leavenworth as a destination for detainees is simply irresponsible and continues the pattern of the Administration's poor and rushed planning on this issue. I will continue to stand in firm, steadfast opposition to this dangerous and irresponsible proposal.

"The terrorist detainees held at Guantanamo present a serious threat to the security of the American people. The Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth is a medium-security facility for military prisoners and lacks the capability to house terrorist suspects.

"A crucial reason why detainees should not be transferred to Kansas is that Fort Leavenworth houses the Command and General Staff College. The facility is known as the 'Intellectual Center of the Army.' Transferring terrorists to the fort would disrupt Fort Leavenworth's primary mission of military education and discourage students from attending the college," said Moran.

To block the transfer of terrorists to Kansas, Moran has sponsored legislation, introduced by Kansas Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, to prevent terrorist detainees from being relocated to Fort Leavenworth.

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